(b) if so, Government's views on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The High Court of Delhi has ruled that the Chief Justice of India is a public authority under the Right to Information Act. An Appeal against the said judgment is pending before the Delhi High Court and the decision is awaited.

Public services bill

3152. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is committed to bring in a Public Services Bill;

(b) if so, the objectives of the proposed Bill;

(c) the reasons for delay in bringing this Bill; and

(d) in what manner Government proposes to promote good governance and better work culture through this Bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (d) The Government has drafted a Civil Services Bill, which envisages to provide a statutory basis for the regulation of the Civil Services in India, to regulate the appointment and conditions of the service of Civil Servants, to lay down the fundamental values of Civil Services, the Civil Services Code of Ethics, Civil Service Management Code, to establish a Civil Services Authority for facilitating review and to develop Civil Services as a professional, neutral, merit based and accountable instrument for promoting good governance and better delivery of services to citizens. A final decision to introduce the Bill has not yet been taken.

Functioning of RTI set up

3153. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 2009-10 Government has spared only Rs. 14.16 crores as budget for RTI and whether only Rs. 3.55 crores has been spent till October 22, 2009;

(b) whether only 12 per cent women and 26 per cent men across the country were aware of the RTI law and the rights it gives to the citizen;

(c) whether according to Government statistics, 75 per cent of the citizens availing RTI facility are dissatisfied with the quality of information provided and find the data either incomplete or irrelevant; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the functioning of the RTI set-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) A Budget Estimate of Rs. 14.16 crore has been made under the Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme on "Strengthening, Capacity Building and Awareness Generation for effective

implementation of the RTI" for the year 2009-10. Scheme is being implemented, inter alia, through State Information Commissions, State Administrative Training Institutes and Central Government Agencies. Till 11.12.2009, a sum of about Rs. 3.63 crore has been spent. Financial proposals for utilizing additional funds are under examination/approval.

(b) and (c) An independent study, on the basis of a sample survey has pointed out that 12% of the women and 26% of men were aware of RTI Act, The study has also pointed out that more than 75% of the citizens were dissatisfied with the quality of information provided to them. The information in this regard is, however, not centrally maintained.

(d) The Government has been giving training to public information officers, first appellate authorities and other stake-holders. It has issued several memoranda and published five guides so as to increase the understanding of different stake-holders about the Right to Information Act. Financial help is being given for strengthening the State Information Commissions under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Cases filed in CAT

3154. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed in the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) during last two years;

(b) the number of cases settled in those years;

(c) the details of the cases pending at the moment;

(d) the steps taken to clear the backlog; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) During 2007 and 2008, 17725 and 18287 cases were filed respectively.

(b) During 2007 and 2008, 18674 and 20352 cases were disposed of respectively.

(c) As on 30.09.2009, there were 22372 cases pending in various benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal.

Principal Bench	3299	Ahmedabad	568
Allahabad	2949	Lucknow	1099
Bangalore	559	Bombay	1807
Calcutta	2794	Chandigarh	1214
Cuttack	1015	Guwahati	306
Hyderabad	874	Jabalpur	686
Jodhpur	605	Jaipur	874
Madras	1105	Patna	1824
Ernakulam	794		